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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| Akira OBUCHI et al. |) | Confirmation No.: 2534 |
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| Application No.: 10/521,774 |) | Group Art Unit: 3753 |
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| 371 Date: January 21, 2005 |) | Examiner: Unassigned |
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| For: HEAT EXCHANGER AND REACTOR |) | |
| HEATER USING THE SAME |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows: